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Résumé ou extrait : "The Military and the Market brings to bear the scholarship of a diverse group of historians and political scientists, to enrich our understanding of the depth and complexity of military-market relations. In the chapters collected in this volume, scholars offer innovative histories of markets and war, in the US and across the globe, from the nineteenth century through the present day. Many of the chapters focus on specific markets, in which buyers and sellers of goods or services—such as housing, or electronics, or sex-transact business. These microlevel case studies highlight specific military actors, such as particular services or departments, as well as individual civilian industries or entrepreneurs. At the same time, the volume as a whole traces changing relationships between the military and "the market" writ large, by exploring connections between two of the most important forces of the modern era: national armed forces and capitalism. Military actors past and present have not merely purchased from (and shaped) specific markets for pragmatic reasons but have also participated, knowingly or unknowingly, in political struggles over how much deference should be given to a broader "market"-oriented economic system based on private property, decentralized decisions, and the pursuit of profit. As the contents of this volume suggest, perhaps what is most remarkable about the long-run history of the military and the market is not the many tensions between them, but their record of accommodation and collaboration." (éd.)

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